More Farms Is Need in Britain

Engineer Says Food Supply Can Be Assured by Using Modern Machinery.

WASHINGTON—The impending intensification of agricultural production in the British Isles means an increasing use of mechanized equipment such as caterpillars and tractors and the laying down progressively of vast new cultivated acreage if the Germans drive against British supplies is to be combated successfully, in the opinion of Sir Charles Ross, inventor of the Ross rifle and of many farm implements.

Sir Charles, who has been a resident of Washington since the last war, saw the importance of the problem even before the outbreak of the present war and since then has urged it in correspondence with Lloyd George and British government leaders. He believes it is not too late to head off the U-boat menace on the farms of England.

Can Be Self-Supporting.

In a letter to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain a year ago he said:

"A study of the whole of the German war armaments shows that they were designed and built on the theory that England would continue her misguided agricultural policy. The very nature of the pocket battleships, their power of operation, the action of the submarines and the mine-laying in the Thames estuary conclusively prove that German economists and military designers work hand in hand.

"It is only fair to conclude that had England reversed her misguided policy and gone into full agricultural production a year ago, Hitler would have immediately realized that the whole of the naval armaments would have been comparatively ineffectual. Under these circumstances it is doubtful whether Germany would have undertaken a major war in September, 1939."

The gist of the matter, he contends, is that while Britain "realizes that foreign trade is her financial life-line, she does not see that domestic agriculture need not suffer, that the island can probably be made entirely self-supporting."

It is a question which, according to his letters and memorandums, can be met by making the British Isles self-supporting with reference to meats and also vegetables. Then, he contends, Britain can even see shipping cease entering her ports, "filled her merchant fleet lost and the rest tied up in foreign ports, and yet not be beaten on the food front.

Based on Scottish Farm.

This is much the same line of argument that has been used by Lloyd George since the outbreak of the war. Sir Charles has seen it from the vantage point of his own 300,000-acre farm in Rosshire in the Scotch highlands, where he has long employed the very methods that he has since urged on the government leaders in London; and he says he has used them successfully.

Moreover, he has studied the farm problem in France and Germany, and has been in close touch with the United States department of agriculture. Now on a vacation in Florida, he is hopeful of seeing his views put into practice before his return.

Sir Charles established his residence here during the last war when he was an adviser on ordnance for the British, helping to speed American arms production. Since then he has established his own system of agriculture in Scotland, based on American practice, by introducing silage of peas and beans as a complete substitute for grass in winter, and using caterpillar tractors and other farm machinery, all in a program designed to produce sheep and cattle.

In Scotland sheep and other meat animals could be concentrated on, according to his views, and in England more land would be plowed through modern machine methods; even now it might not be too late to solve the food problem.

Machines Replace Clerks To Keep Tab on Soldiers

WASHINGTON.—The army is turning over to high-speed electric machines the job of keeping individual tab on the million men expected to be in uniform by spring.

Complex punch card machinery already has displaced clerks in the adjutant general's office, and is to be installed at important military posts.

By means of special cards with holes punched in appropriate positions, the machinery will keep up-to-the-minute records of both personnel and material, assuring that the soldier will get his pay, receive mail from home promptly, and be assigned work for which he is best fitted.

As French Hen Lays Egg, Nazi There to Catch It

WORCESTER, MASS.—There is a popular story in France that as soon as a hen lays an egg there's a German waiting to seize it and send it off to Germany, according to Malcolm Gibson, Worcester violinist, who has returned after 12 years on the continent.

He said France has no milk, no butter, no coffee, and little or no other foods because of German commandeering.

Lights of New York

By L. O. STEVENSON

Thousands of Americans who have landed in New York after a trip to Europe or South America know Alexander McKeon. The reason is that Mr. McKeon, who retired recently, was in the United States customs service for 42 years and for more than 35 of those years spent much of his time on the piers at the various steamship lines supervising the inspection of the baggage of homecomers. Most travelers, however, do not know that Mr. McKeon, according to certain close friends, more than any other one man, has been responsible for demonstrating that the collection of duty on various articles purchased abroad, if not wholly an enjoyable proceeding on both sides, can be done courteously and fairly.

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Happened to encounter Mr. McKeon while at luncheon with a mutual friend, just before his retirement. He looks as bronzed and rugged as a sea captain. That is due, he explained, to the fact that he has spent so much of his life right at the edge of the sea waiting for ships to dock. Trained as a jeweler, but with a longing for a life in the open, one day he quit and joined the customs service as a weigher. A few years later he was transferred to the baggage division. In 1917 he was put in charge of baggage inspection with the rank of deputy surveyor. He was due to retire 12 months ago but because of his knowledge of European conditions, his experience gained through contact with travelers during the first World war and because he had so much detail at his finger ends as it were, he was retained in the service.

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Out of his long experience, Mr. McKeon holds the case of forged customs stamps to be the most striking. Back in 1929, customs authorities became aware of the fact that large quantities of narcotics were being brought into the country. They also learned that customs stamps that show that baggage has been inspected and which are cancelled before the baggage can be taken from the enclosure, were being removed from baggage that had undergone inspection and affixed to other trunks and bags, thus permitting uninspected articles to pass the guards. Later they discovered also that customs stamps were being forged. But not until March, 1930, did anything happen despite all the efforts that were being made to catch the offenders.

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One day the Ile de France arrived with the usual heavy passenger list and mountains of baggage. Specially selected agents scrutinized every piece of baggage that came from the ship. One noticed two trunks under the letter "B." They were marked "John Bell" but their owner did not seem to be near. Nothing unusual about that. The agent had a hunch, however. He soon returned and found that in his absence, customs stamps had been affixed to the trunks. The agent watched. A porter came, loaded the trunks on a truck and started to leave the pier. He was stopped. The fact that the trunks had not been inspected was quickly and easily verified. They were opened and found to contain narcotics that would have brought peddlers several hundred thousand dollars. The customs stamps were found to be forged.

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It wasn't long before the customs agents discovered that John Bell was Jacob Chum, who had fled from the White Star line pier the week before after he had been tipped off that his baggage was believed to be "hot." Blum managed to get started for Europe on the liner Berengaria but a wireless message kept him from landing at Cherbourg. At Southampton he was arrested and sent back to New York where he was convicted and sentenced to seven years. He refused to "sing" but the higher-ups were eventually captured and jailed and that of course resulted in the end of the ring.

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Still keeping to the water front, there are those English sailors who, when they are about to leave on the return voyage, stock up with all the onions they can carry. England imports her onions and the war has made them scarce. A stew isn't a stew without an onion. So the sailor's home-coming gift is a bag of onions.

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In a snow fight in Central park after the first snowfall, the participants were Nani Todd, Lehua Paulson and Leinsala Kihoi. Being native Hawaiians on their first visit to this country, they had never seen snow before. Nevertheless, they had a good time . . . and of course got their pictures taken . . . They are hula dancers in the Lexington hotel.

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Safety-Pin Death Toll High Among Children

PHILADELPHIA—Open safety pins—swallowed or inhaled—annually cause more deaths in the United States among children than playing with firearms, according to Dr. Jackson.

The inventor of the bronchoscope and his assistants have removed more than 4,000 foreign objects from windpipes and gullets.

Unite Hands and Brain In Teaching Engineering

There's nothing like handwork to inspire head work, says Henry Pfeiffer of Kansas City. He walks from classroom to shop in the Finley Engineering school he founded 40 years ago, and keeps repeating:

"Theory, practice. Theory, practice."

Henry Pfeiffer, now in his eightieth year, learned engineering that way 50 years ago. Let him tell how he started out as a janitor and wound up as an engineer who teaches others engineering.

"I was in Omaha," he says, "working as a carpenter, after a boyhood of farming, rail splitting, and concertina playing in Canada. I dug wells and repaired windmills in Omaha, too, and sang in a Methodist choir Sundays. Another singer in the choir was secretary to the manager of an Omaha packing house. He said an electric power plant was about to be installed there. I was interested in electric machinery, but knew nothing about it.

"At the plant they told me there was no place open except a janitor job. I took it, in 1886. After several months I applied for a job in the electrical department. I explained I would work six weeks without pay if they would put me in the department. That was my start."

Eventually he became an expert engineer for the company.

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From this beginning the school grew to the present modern plant, where young men from all the states and several foreign lands have been students through the years. Twelve instructors now are in the staff, and the annual attendance averages 300 persons, in courses lasting from one to three years.

Stomach Ailments Under Of Business Condition

The number of American patients suffering from stomach ailments provides almost as good an index of business conditions as the Dow-Jones Averages, Dr. Felix Cunha, of the University of California medical school, said recently.

In a report to the American Journal of Surgery, Dr. Cunha said periods of severe international crisis, business recession or political adjustment are often marked with a sharp increase in certain types of stomach ailments which have no definite pathological cause.

Those most suffering from such ailments, he said, are "hard-driving businessmen, carrying an unusual load of responsibility, lecture, bond traders, speculators and the heads of larger organizations."

The increase or decrease in the number of such sufferers so closely follows fluctuations in business activity that the number of patients can be correlated with the Dow-Jones Averages or other business indexes, Dr. Cunha said.

He listed as symptoms: severe stomach and abdominal pains, mild nausea, discomfort in the region under the breastbone, flatulence, mental sluggishness and insomnia, sometimes with abdominal pains which wake the patient early in the morning.

Saving Banks Reach High

New high figures for deposits, assets and number of depositors were made by the nation's savings banks during the first six months of 1940, a report of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks reveals. The association also reports that continued difficulties in investing capital were shown by the lowering of average dividend rate to 2.20 per cent for all mutual institutions, a decline of 0.06 per cent for the period.

Deposits in savings banks throughout the country rose $109,153,501 to $10,580,887,827 in the six months ended June 30. During the same period, assets showed an increase of $'03,998,137, while total depositors reached a high of 15,756,822 through the addition of 208,257 new accounts. New York led all the other states in advances in these various totals, with Massachusetts and Connecticut placing second and third.

Concrete at Grand Coulee

In the 13 months which ended with July, 1940, concrete equal in volume to the entire bulk of Boulder dam was placed in the gigantic Grand Coulee structure on the Columbia river, 92 miles west of Spokane, Wash.

The contractors at Grand Coulee, the Consolidated Builders, Inc., poured 3,350,000 cubic yards of concrete in Grand Coulee in the year. As of July 1, the dam and associated works contained 10,108,864 cubic yards of concrete which required 10,-833,333 barrels of cement. The dam was then 95 per cent completed.

Seal With Kerosene

If framework of your iron fireplace is showing signs of rust, soak it well with kerosene. Leave kerosene on about two hours, and then use an emory cloth. If you find that some of your rugs have gone limp under the summer's heat, stiffen their backs with shellac. Thin shellac first with half as much denatured alcohol, and then apply two thin coats of this shellac and alcohol to backs of rugs. Only take heed that mixture doesn't seep through to the face of your rug.

Each Day's Weather Is An Individual Package

Ohio's weather detectives in the Muskingum Climatic Research laboratory at New Philadelphia said that amateurs have been making wrong weather predictions for 4,000 years.

The New Philadelphia weather research staff say that each day's weather is an individual package that has no effect on any succeeding day or group of days.

The weather reports made through the centuries were based on observations in small areas without any checks by instruments and without written records that would permit comparisons from year to year. The result was that all the weather lore handed down from generation to generation was about 50 per cent wrong and 50 per cent right, as would have been the case if the prophets had made plain guesses.

The moon does not affix its magic as a weather control since instrument and records have permitted accurate appraisal of its effect on climatic conditions. However, hundreds of thousands of people still consider the moon changes as a decisive factor to be considered in planting crops.

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New Brake Stops Faster

Traffic hazards may be reduced soon with a new device that enables drivers to start braking their cars in one-eighth of a second. The device has been manufactured by Stanley E. Anderson of Superior, Wis.

With his device, Anderson claims that a car traveling at 30 miles an hour, can be braked in 5½ feet, where the average driver now travels 33 feet before he can brake the automobile.

His instrument is a combined accelerator and brake pedal, with the accelerator mounted directly below the brake and both operated by one master pedal which fits the driver's shoe.

Paraffin Coating

For paraffin coating we need the wax which we can obtain from groceries or other places where canning supplies are available, a shallow cooking pan in which to melt the wax, and a wire basket, like a French fryer, into which the fruits are placed for dipping. With everything at hand we dig the corms, cut back the foliage to within three inches of the corm, lay the trimmed material in the sun for a day to dry partially, then dip them in the melted wax and they will be ready for storing. Cannas and dahlias can be treated in this manner when the time comes for preparing them for storage.

Sexton Beetles

Sexton beetles are so called because they bury small dead animals. They excavate a pit beneath the animal, and when it has sunk below the level of the ground they lay their eggs on it, and then cover it with earth.

New Type Bomb to Blast Submarines Gets a Test

LOS ANGELES.—A new type of bomb designed to blast submarines was demonstrated by Russell Hart, Los Angeles inventor.

It is fashioned from an alloy which Hart said is highly explosive in water. To demonstrate, he placed a bit weighing a tenth of an ounce through a small iron pipe into a can of water. There was an explosion. Hart said the explosion equalled that of two ounces of black powder. The water, he said, liberated hydrogen in the alloy and caused the explosion.

"A 100-pound bomb of this material," Hart asserted, "would be equal to a 200-pound depth bomb of the type now used by Great Britain."

The cost would be about 35 cents a pound instead of the present $1, Hart said.

Hart related that he discovered possibilities of the alloy only by accident in removing bark from trees on a farm near Portland, Ore., in 1935. He said a piece of the alloy used in the bark remover slipped and plunged into a water well, causing an explosion.

Youth, 18, Buys Store With Live Stock Profits

STAPLEHURST, NEB.—Earnings from 4-H club live-stock activities have helped Eugene Hagerter, Seward county farm youth, to purchase a half interest in one of Staple-hurst's three grocery stores.

Hagerter, who is 18, had the reserve grand champion Hereford in 1936, grand champion lamb in 1935, reserve grand champion lamb in 1937 at Ak-Sar-Ben shows. At state fair exhibitions he had a grand champion in 1937 and a specially showed the champion or prize pen of lambs.

Hagerter said his gross earnings and winnings have been about $4,500, for a net of approximately $800.

Arden and his brother, Harold, 23, pooled their finances and bought the store in the town of 300 population.

Voltaire Listed Hazards In Invasion of England

DETROIT.—Three reasons why Adolf Hitler—or any European belligerent—should hesitate before attempting an invasion of England in any age have been discovered in an unpublished letter of the Eighteenth century French writer Voltaire, written in 1750 when a force was being organized in France for a descent on England.

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Baby Indulges Taste For Secreting Money

KANSAS CITY.—Mary Josephine Wonsetler, two years old, has developed a taste for money.

She found 40 cents in a dresser drawer and swallowed a quarter. Then she showed a dime just as her parents rushed in.

Later she returned to gulp down the remaining nickel. Her dad took her to a hospital.

Bullet in Heart, Lives

When you win the one chance in 500,000 to live that surgeons have given you, you have to believe in miracles and prayer equally. Anton Wrba, 17, of New York, who was dismissed from a hospital recently, won that chance when he survived after a bullet passed through his heart. The youth's mother, however, placed Anton's recovery higher than just a miracle—she claimed it was the faith she and all the Wrbas have in prayer. "He started to get well the day after I put a St. Theresa medal around his neck," she said.

Spout Spring

Special to Times Virginian

Spout Spring, Feb. 26.—The Spout Spring home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Morris Ferguson Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Webb is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jerald Bracy, of Williamsburg this week.

Mrs. O. R. Collins continues ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R O McGuffin spent the week -end with relatives at Bridgewater.

William Moon, of Ferrum Junior College, spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Annie Montague, who has been sick, is improving.

Miss Annie Martin spent the week end at her home here.

Hitler says will begin submarine campaign against British during March and April.

Italians admit asking aid of Germany in fighting of British Mtruals.

COLORED DOTS

The general public is invited to attend a special service at the Promise Land Baptist church this Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The Zion Baptist church, pastor and choir, will render services. Each member and friend of the choir is asked to take a part in the age rally which will come to a close at the close of the service.

Notice! The regular quarterly meeting of the deacons and ministers union will be postponed this Sunday, until further notice.

The state's rally sponsored by the Galilee Baptist church is making a splendid beginning. The rally is scheduled to continue on the 5th Sunday night in March with a special service by the Mount Zion Baptist church, of Red House All states are urged to report the sum of $5 0 or more. The final report will be given on the first Sunday in April at the regular preaching hour.

A large crowd attended the one-act drama at the Number 10 school at Pamplin last Thursday night.

An unusually large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the First Baptist church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Marshall, preached a very helpful sermon.

Plans have been completed for the second anniversary of the Appomattox Improvement Association, to be celebrated on the first Sunday in April at 4 P. M.

Mrs. P. W. Price spent the week-end here with her husband.

Rev. C. A. Marshall was the dinner guest Sunday of deacon Coleman.

R. Q. Lawing and W. A. Mosely attended the national defense wood working conference at Rustburg last Tuesday night.

Rev. A. E. Jordan spent Sunday in Crozet, Va.

Mrs. Anna D. Johnson is out again after a recent illness.

All members of the ment club of the Galilee Baptist church are asked to meet at the home of professor E. T. Johnson Jr., Tuesday night at 7:30.

The national defense wood working class at Carver high school is progressing nicely. The class meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 P. M. All young men who are willing to learn carpentry are asked to come out and join the class. There are no fees to pay.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for March 2

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THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 19:41—20:8.

GOLDEN TEXT—And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?—Luke 6:46.

"By what authority doest thou these things?" The question of the scribes was a proper one, even though their spirit and purpose in asking it may have been wrong. Any man who claims to have authority over others should expect to be asked that question and be prepared to give an honest answer.

I. Authority Rejected (vv. 41-44). On the previous day our Lord had made His kingly triumphant entry into the city and many had acclaimed Him (see vv. 37-40); but the city as a whole—and especially its leaders, both religious and governmental—had rejected Him.

As He came near the city the next day and it spread out before Him in breath-taking panorama, His tender heart was broken and He wept. His tears were not for Himself, but for the people who had rejected Him. We are told that the word used for weeping does not mean merely . . . tears" but "rather the heaving of the breast, and the sob and cry of a soul in agony" (Morgan).

That is how He feels about you who reject His authority today, for He is still deeply concerned about the attitude of all unbelieving humanity. He loves you, sinner, and weeps over your rejection of Him; but just as He ultimately had to reject the city because it rejected Him, He will have to condemn you in your sin if you continue to reject Him. Why do it?

II. Authority Asserted (vv. 45, 46). The act of Jesus in cleansing the temple was very bold, for He held no position in the temple and He had no priestly authority. It was an act of disordered mind or in a frenzy of anger would assume such authority if it did not belong to him. This means that Jesus acting as He did was fully justified in doing so. They were His own house, and He had every right to cleanse it.

III. Authority Accepted (vv. 47, 48).

The people "were very attentive," or more effectively, as in the Revised Version, they "hung upon" him." How remarkable it is that "the common people" heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37), while the learned leaders, both in religious and political circles, hated and rejected Him.

IV. Authority Questioned (20:1-8).

The situation has continued throughout the centuries. Let us not be disturbed or confused by the fact that so many "learned" men and women (thank God, not all of them), by any means reject or question the claims of Christ. It is the very thing we ought to expect.

Young people, be not at all disturbed by that supposedly conclusive statement, "scholarship is agreed," for usually it proves to be wrong. Don't be surprised if some leading economist, or tycoon of the business world, is not a follower of Christ.

Meet Jesus yourself and you will learn to love Him and want to serve Him. Get the balanced judgment of "the common people" who have really met the Lord, and you will find the right way—God's way.

V. Authority Defended (20:1-8).

Humanly speaking, the priests and scribes were right when they challenged Christ. He had no official position which justified His acts and His words. But note carefully that the very fact that He, in return for their "Tell us," replied, "Tell me," indicates that the human authority which had a right to challenge other human authority had now met the One who is "the head of all principality and power." He had a supreme right to say, "Before I answer you, tell me."

We are apt to regard the answer of Jesus to their question as a skillful evasion of a difficult situation, but it was far more than that. If they had replied honestly to His question regarding John, and admitted that His authority was from heaven, Jesus would probably have said, "Then what did he say of me?" He would have reminded them of the statement of John that he was not worthy to loose the latchet of His shoe, of his prophecy of the judgment to come, of the baptism of fire (see Luke 3:16-17), of the day when John called Him "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Here was proof concerning His authority, but they did not dare to ask for it because they did not want it. You too, reader, if you have questions regarding the claim of Christ to authority over your life may have a satisfying answer, but only if you honestly want it and will receive it with open mind and heart.

Appomattox Library News Report & Review

LIBRARY NEWS

During the month of January 7,633 books were circulated from the Appomattox County Circulating Library, which includes the County Public Library, Appomattox High School Library, the Pamplin High School Library and Carver Negro Training School.

1,196 books including Junior fiction, easy books, and recreational books were delivered to the elementary schools in the county during January, both by the county librarian and school buses.

184 adult fiction books were taken to the home demonstration club meetings during the month of January. These books will be exchanged among club members and read until new books are carried to the next meeting.

The largest day's circulation in January at the Appomattox County Public Library Library totalled 91. An average of 55 books were circulated daily.

157 books were cleaned, mended, resewed and recased by W.P.A. workers during January.

The Appomattox High School Library Club held their monthly meeting at the Appomattox County Library recently with 15 present. New books were reviewed by students and a recreational program was held.

The Pamplin High School Library circulated 1,360 books during January, including 658 adult fiction books. Most of these adult fiction books were carried home to parents by students.

The Carver Training School circulated 1,267 books from the school, and 200 books were delivered to elementary schools in the county.

In November, 1940, the circulation had doubled its number circulated in November, 1939, the total being 5,000 in 1939 and 10,000 in 1940.

Each of the elementary schools in the county are keeping monthly records of the number of books read by the children. The schools receive a new and different group of books from the Appomattox county library every month. At the end of the month the schools exchange their books, which makes the children have a variety of reading material.

Violet Ramsey,
Librarian,
Appomattox County.

"The Book Of The Week"

"A Treasury of the World's Great Letters, From Ancient Days to our Times." Here are love letters, haunting letters, shocking letters, secret letters, letters people forgot to mail, letters that made history by such famous personages as Alexander the Great, Christopher Columbus, Napoleon, Samuel Johnson, George Washington, Edgar Allen Poe, Leon Trotsky. Each letter is prefaced by a biographical prelude giving the facts about the person who wrote it, and the person to whom it was addressed. This book is the book divident which will be awarded to the members of the Book of the Month Club during the months of January and February.

Another Treasury book, but of a different nature, is a $10.00 Art Book which, in spite of its exorbant price, has been of the nation's foremost best sellers. It is Thomas Craven's "A Treasury of Art Masterpieces." Here is a book that is an art gallery in itself and can be enjoyed without menial fatigue and sore feet. The volume itself contains 145 color reproductions of paintings from Giotto of the 13th century to Grant Wood of the twentieth.

"Married Adventure" is a candid biography of Martin Johnson by his wife, Osa, who was his companion in adversity and in danger, and his valued collaborator in the wilds. It is also her equally candid biography. Although, once the pair leave Kansas, the scenes of the story are all over the world, it is as American a book as a book can be. Indeed, it is an American success story. Whoever picks up "I Married Adventure" will look before reading, at the extraordinary photos of wild game and wild men and women made by this greatest of all photographers of wild life. Here is the story of how a Kansas Osa not used small time photographer with no prospects to speak of. How, by luck and obstinancy, he got a chance to voyage with Martin London and went harpooning to raise money for the adventure. Of how they started for the South Seas equipped chiefly with hope, where they got themselves invited on a cannibal island, and came home with a reputation. The cannibals were not killers. They brought back the finest photographs of wild elephants ever taken, with the record of having shot only one. Even lions were usually safe with them. If they caught a baby giraffe, they took his picture and let him go. It is the cheery, plucky personality behind this story that makes it so much more than a big game hunt.

FUNERAL OF MR. DEANER

Funeral services for Mr. Charles Ecumeti Deaner were held from the Mount Comfort church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services were performed by the Rev. T. E. Johnson. The church choir sang a new and different group of songs in the Arms of Jesus, and at the grave they sang Rock of Ages.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Earl Wilkerson, Mrs. C. O. Gunter, Christian Page, Miss Alease Deaner, Miss Pauline Phelps, Miss Rachel Harvey and Ezrl Wilkerson.

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MRS MARTIN BURIED LAST SUNDAY AT SPOUT SPRING

Funeral services for Mrs. Lova Ann Brooks Martin were held from the Salem Methodist church at Spout Spring on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was in the church yard. Services were conducted by the Reverends O. R. Gilliam, Graham Gilmer and W. A. Irving. The church choir rendered two hymns. Her grand children acted as flower bearers. Honorary pallbearers were: R.E. Cheatham, Russell Featherbone, A.B. Carson, Dr. R.H Cross, Aubrey Cheatham, A M. Goodman, E. C. Scruggs, J. E Click, Julian Franklin, John Webb, M.U. Cyrus, Henry Brooks, D. J. Fassett S A. Brooks, W. H. Robertson, George Shirey, Jim Davidson, Cleveland Martin, A.J. Zantzow, H. S. Jones, Char. T. Moses, L. E. Reynolds, and R.W. Smith. Active pallbearers were: W. E. Dickerson, H.B. Martin, F. O Jones, B. M Coleman, W.E. Layne and Wiley Brooks.

Mrs. Martin died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bracie Almond on Saturday morning after an extended illness. She was born in this county on October 12, 1864, the daughter of the late Lumkins and Catherine Cumby Brooks. She was a member of the Salem Methodist church.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Almond, and Mrs. Van Cyrus and Mrs. Mattie Moon, and three sons, J.D., J.A. and W.E. Martin; a sister, Mrs. Martha Davidson, of Lynchburg. and several grand children.

BIRTHS INCREASE

Regaining of the 1933 level of the State birth rate indicates Virginia births are again on the rise following a low mark registered during 1936, figures released by the Bureau of Vital Statistics show.

There were 55,114 babies born in the State during 1940, the report says, giving a birth rate of 20.5 for every 1,000 population. This State figure was above the nation-wide birth rate which stood at 18 per 1,000 for 1940.

Even as the Old Dominion's birth rate rose, the State death rate also increased. The figures crept from 10.8 to 11 from 1939 to 1940, the report indicating there were 29,600 deaths last year.

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